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	User fee Beginning Oct. 1, 2003
Hourly rate	
Per hour	\$84.00
Per quarter hour	21.00
Per service minimum fee	25.00

(1) Providing services to live animals for import or entry at airports, ocean ports, and rail ports.

(2) Conducting inspections, including laboratory and facility inspections, required to obtain permits, either to import animal products, aquaculture products, organisms or vectors, or to maintain compliance with import permits.

(3) Obtaining samples required to be tested, either to obtain import permits or to ensure compliance with import permits.

(4) Providing services for imported birds or ratites that are not subject to quarantine.

(5) Supervising the opening of in-bond shipments.

(6) Providing services for in-bond or in-transit animals to exit the United States.

(7) Inspecting an export isolation facility and the animals in it.

(8) Supervising animal or bird rest periods prior to export.

(9) Supervising loading and unloading of animals or birds for export shipment.

(10) Inspecting means of conveyance used to export animals or birds.

(11) Conducting inspections under part 156 of this chapter.

(12) Inspecting and approving an artificial insemination center or a semen collection center or the animals in it.

(13) Providing other import-or export-related veterinary services for which there is no flat rate user fee specified elsewhere in this part.

(b) *When do I pay an additional amount for employee(s) working overtime?* You must pay an additional amount if you need an APHIS employee to work on a Sunday, on a holiday, or at any time outside the normal tour of duty of that employee. Instead of paying the hourly rate user fee, you pay the rate listed in the following table for each employee needed to get the work done.

Overtime rates (outside the employee's normal tour of duty)	Premium rate user fee Beginning Oct. 1, 2003
Premium hourly rate Monday through Saturday and holidays:	
Per hour	\$100.00
Per quarter hour	25.00
Premium hourly rate for Sundays:	
Per hour	112.00
Per quarter hour	28.00

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§§ 130.31–130.48 [Reserved]

§ 130.49 Exemptions.

(a) *Veterinary diagnostics.* User fees for veterinary diagnostic services, including, but not limited to, tests and diagnostic reagents specified in §§ 130.14 through 130.19, are not charged under the following conditions:

(1) When veterinary diagnostic services are provided in connection with Federal programs to control or eradicate diseases or pests of livestock or poultry in the United States (program diseases);

(2) When veterinary diagnostic services are provided in support of zoonotic

disease surveillance when the Administrator has determined that there is a significant threat to human health; and

(3) When veterinary diagnostic reagents are distributed within the United States for testing for foreign animal diseases.

(b) [Reserved]

[62 FR 61007, Nov. 14, 1997, as amended at 63 FR 53796, Oct. 7, 1998]

§ 130.50 Payment of user fees.

(a) *Who must pay APHIS user fees?* Any person for whom a service is provided related to the importation,

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entry, or exportation of an animal, article, or means of conveyance or related to veterinary diagnostics, and any person requesting such service, shall be jointly and severally liable for payment of fees assessed.

(b) *Associated charges*—(1) *Reservation fee*. Any reservation fee paid by an importer under part 93 of this chapter will be applied to the APHIS user fees specified in §§ 130.2 and 130.3 for animals or birds quarantined in an animal import center.

(2) *Special handling expenses*. The user fees in this part do not include any costs that may be incurred due to special mail handling, including, but not limited to, express, overnight, or foreign mailing. If any service requires

special mail handling, the user must pay all costs incurred, in addition to the user fee for the service.

(3) *When do I pay an additional amount for employee(s) working overtime?* You must pay an additional amount if you need an APHIS employee to work on a Sunday, on a holiday, or at any time outside the normal tour of duty of that employee. You pay the amount specified in paragraphs (b)(3) (i) or (ii), as relevant, for each employee needed to get the work done.

(i) *What additional amount do I pay if I receive a flat rate user fee service?* In addition to the flat rate user fee(s), you pay the overtime rate listed in the following table for each employee needed to get the work done:

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K	Outside of the employee's normal tour of duty	Overtime rates (per hour)		
		Oct. 1, 2003–Sept. 30, 2004	Oct. 1, 2004–Sept. 30, 2005	Beginning Oct. 1, 2005
Rate for inspection, testing, certification or quarantine of animals, animal products or other commodities. ³	Monday-Saturday and holidays.	\$48.00	\$49.00	\$51.00
	Sundays	63.00	65.00	67.00
Rate for commercial airline inspection services. ⁴	Monday-Saturday and holidays.	39.00	40.00	41.00
	Sundays	51.00	53.00	55.00

¹ Minimum charge of 2 hours, unless performed on the employee's regular workday and performed in direct continuation of the regular workday or begun within an hour of the regular workday.

² When the 2-hour minimum applies, you may need to pay commuted travel time. (See § 97.1(b) of this chapter for specific information about commuted travel time.)

³ See § 97.1(a) of this chapter or 7 CFR 354.3 for details.

⁴ See § 97.1(a)(3) of this chapter for details.

(ii) *What amount do I pay if I receive an hourly rate user fee service?* Instead of paying the normal hourly rate user fee under § 130.30(a), you pay the premium rate listed in § 130.30(b) for each employee needed to get the work done.

(c) *When are APHIS user fees due?*—(1) *Animal and bird quarantine and related tests*. User fees specified in §§ 130.2, 130.3, 130.5, 130.10, and tests specified in §§ 130.14 through 130.19 for animals and birds in an Animal Import Center or privately operated permanent or temporary import quarantine facilities, including user fees for tests conducted on these animals or birds, must be paid prior to the release of those animals or birds from quarantine.

(2) *Supervision and inspection services for export animals, animal products*. User fees for supervision and inspection services specified in § 130.30 must be

paid when billed, or, if covered by a compliance agreement signed in accordance with this chapter, must be paid when specified in the agreement.

(3) *Export health certificates*. User fees for export health certificates specified in § 130.20 must be paid prior to receipt of endorsed certificates unless APHIS determines that the user has established an acceptable credit history, at which time payment may, at the option of the user, be made when billed.

(4) *Veterinary diagnostics*. User fees specified in §§ 130.14 through 130.19 for veterinary diagnostic services, such as tests on samples submitted to NVSL or FADDL, diagnostic reagents, slide sets, tissue sets, and other veterinary diagnostic services, must be paid when the veterinary diagnostic service is requested, unless APHIS determines that the user has established an acceptable

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credit history, at which time payment may, at the option of the user, be made when billed.

(5) *Other user fee services.* User fees specified in §§ 130.6, 130.7, 130.8, and 130.30 must be paid when service is provided (for example when live animals are inspected when presented for importation at a port of entry), unless APHIS determines that the user has established an acceptable credit history, at which time payment may, at the option of the user, be made when billed.

(d) *What payment methods are acceptable?* Payment must be for the exact amount due and may be paid by:

(1) Cash, will be accepted only during normal business hours if payment is made at an APHIS office⁷ or an Animal Import Center;

(2) All types of checks, including traveler's checks, drawn on a U.S. bank in U.S. dollars and made payable to the U.S. Department of Agriculture or USDA;

(3) Money orders, drawn on a U.S. bank in U.S. dollars and made payable to the U.S. Department of Agriculture or USDA; or

(4) Credit cards (VISATM and MasterCardTM) if payment is made at an Animal Import Center or an APHIS office that is equipped to process credit cards.⁷

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§ 130.51 Penalties for nonpayment or late payment.

(a) *Unpaid debt.* If any person for whom the service is provided fails to pay when due any debt to APHIS, including any user fee due under 7 CFR chapter III or chapter I of this title, then:

(1) *Subsequent user fee payments.* Payment must be made for subsequent user fees before the service is provided if:

(i) For unbilled fees, the user fee is unpaid 60 days after the date the perti-

nent regulatory provision indicates payment is due;

(ii) For billed fees, the user fee is unpaid 60 days after date of bill;

(iii) The person for whom the service is provided or the person requesting the service has not paid the late payment penalty or interest on any delinquent APHIS user fee; or

(iv) Payment has been dishonored.

(2) *Resolution of difference between estimate and actual.* APHIS will estimate the user fee to be paid; any difference between the estimate and the actual amount owed to APHIS will be resolved as soon as reasonably possible following the delivery of the service, with APHIS returning any excess to the payor or billing the payor for the additional amount due.

(3) *Prepayment form.* The prepayment must be in guaranteed form, such as money order, certified check, or cash. Prepayment in guaranteed form will continue until the debtor pays the delinquent debt.

(4) *Denied service.* Service will be denied until the debt is paid if:

(i) For unbilled fees, the user fee is unpaid 90 days after date the pertinent regulatory provision indicates payment is due;

(ii) For billed fees, the user fee is unpaid 90 days after date of bill;

(iii) The person for whom the service is provided or the person requesting the service has not paid the late payment penalty or interest on any delinquent APHIS user fee; or

(iv) Payment has been dishonored.

(b) *Unpaid debt during service.* If APHIS is in the process of providing a service for which an APHIS user fee is due, and the user has not paid the fee within the time required, or if the payment offered by the user is inadequate or unacceptable, then APHIS will take the following action:

(1) *Animals or birds in quarantine.* If an APHIS user fee specified in § 130.2 or § 130.3 is due for animals or birds in quarantine at an animal import center or at a privately operated import quarantine facility, APHIS will not release them.

(2) *Export health certificate.* If an APHIS user fee specified in § 130.20 is due for an export health certificate, APHIS will not release the certificate.

⁷A list of APHIS offices and Animal Import Centers that accept cash or credit cards may be obtained from the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services, National Center for Import and Export, 4700 River Road Unit 38, Riverdale, MD 20738-1231.